# TENNESSEE NOW "DRY"

No More Liquors Will Be Man-

## factured in the State. DISTILLERIES ALL CLOSED

While No Liquor May Be Manufactured in Tennessee, It May Be Stored and Shipped Into Other States.

Nashville, Tenn.-The law passed by the last legislature prohibiting the manufacture of intoxicating liquor in Tennessee went into effect Friday at midnight. Forty-one whiskey dis-tilleries and five big breweries are affected and all announced, it is said, a suspension of operations with the close of the business day.

It is conceded, however, that some one of them will commit a deliberate overt act for the purpose of testing the statute. Which one, the liquor men declined to say, but it is under-stood that a Chaitanooga firm is booked to, having the backing of all the others. One whiskey plant with headquarters here closed down distilleries during the day, finding its big warehouses full and in a posi-tion to supply its trade outside the state for a long time to come. Other here and contiguous closed with full stocks.

One noted distillery in Moore county announced that it has an immense supply of whiskey on hand and that the price will hereafter be \$1 a gallon more than heretofore. They explain the advance by saying that employees who are the heads of families will be kept on their pay rolls. The amount expended annually in the manufacture and handling of this one brand of whiskey is estimated at half The closing of the plant, it is said, will stop a daily expenditure of \$500 in Moore county. management has heretofore brought all the corn produced in Moore county and supplies and stock from the counties of Franklin, Lincoln and Bedford. The only apple brandy warehouse in the state is a depart-Bedford. ment of this plant and was also

The big breweries, it is said, will devote their attention to the manufacture of soft drinks.

#### MONEY IN TREASURY COUNTED. Not a Cent Found Missing From the United States Treasury.

Washington, D. C .- To count the coins and securities in the United States treasury it has taken a com mittee of four persons, supervising from thirty to forty counting experts, almost two moths. Upon the retireer, it became necessary for a countbe made, and the incoming treasurer. McClung, gave receipt for all valuable. Mr. McClung will give to Prent a receipt for \$1,259,001, 2-3, the exact contents of the ssing from Uncle Sam's pocket

It was the quickest count ever made by the treasury, and was absolutely necessary before Mr. Treat could be relieved of the responsibil

#### \$141,250,000 GIVEN AWAY

Public Benefactions for 1909 Reach An Immense Total.

York City-The total public benefactions in the United States dur ing the past twelve months was \$141, an amount just \$40,000,00 greater than any previous year in the history of the country, according to statistics compiled by a New York The amount this year newspaper. vas twice as large as was given away have been the late John S. Kennedy Rockefeller, \$12,852,000, and Andrew Carnegie, \$6,056,511.

for educational work.

and fifty thousand dottars.

#### \$506,000 FOR MINE VICTIMS.

by Illinois Horror.

Chicago, Ill.—Ernest P. Bicknell, then will never be repeated in the national director of the Red Cross state. society, who was in Chicago en route to Cherry, Ill., the scene of the recent mine disaster, announced that he would call a conference of foreign consuls in Chicago soon for final disbursements of the relief fund. The total fund for the bereft families will

#### RAY LAMPHERE DEAD.

He Was Connected With the Gun-

ness Murders. LaPorte, Ind.—Ray of tuberculosis in the Michigan City car was wrecked while returning to penitentiary, where he was serving New York from Yeddo. an indeterminate term of from two to fourteen years for arson. Lamphers on April 28, 1908, set fire

Lamphers on April 28, 1908, set Bre to the Gunness home, near Laforte, and Incinerated the family. He had at least forty-five injured when Rock formerly been employed by Mrs. Belle Gunness as a workman on her ifornia special, was wrecked two faym. Following the fire the bodies miles south of here. The cause of of several persons who had been the wreck is unknown, although it murdered by Mrs. Gunness were un earthed in the farm yard.

# MISSISSIPPI BRIDGE FELL.

\$250,000, and completion of the bridge Harber will command the Pacine it

#### WANTED CONFEDERATE BILL REDEEMED French Lawyer Had as Assets Con-

federate Bond and Bill. Washington, D. C.—Amusement was remote regions of Maryland, \$100 Confederate bill, asking that for assistance.

they be redeemed, as they are "assistance.

The name of the place where sets" of an estate he is settling. The bond and bill will be returned to the sender, with the information that the from Vashintson to Drummond, Md. over, and, anywow, the bond a distance of seven miles, accompan-l are worthlessa. I led by all the and his sister-in-law. and bill are worthless

NEW SENATOR FROM MISSISSIPPI. 14,974,448 SOLDIERS Colonel Gordon of Oklahoma Succeeds Late Senator McLaurin.

Jackson, Miss .- Governor Noel announced the appointment of Colonel James Gordon of Oklahoma as United States senator from Mississippi to succeed late Senator A. J. McLaurin.

The appointment is temporary until the legislature can elect a senator for the unexpired term of three years and threemonths and is made with the understanding that Senator Gordon will not be a candidate for the unexpired term.

While it is not expected that Senator Gordon will serve more than two or three weeks, there is a strong probability of a legislative deadlock, owing to the large number of probable candidates who are being brought forward, and it is not improbable that he hight serve a year or more, in event the legislative deadlock remains unbroken.

Colonel Gordon is seventy-six years of age, a native of Mississippi and served with distinction in the confederate army. Excepting a four-year term in the state senate during the Vardaman administration, he has not been prominent in public life during the past twenty years.

One of Governor Noel's principal motives in appointing Colonel Gordon was to convey a compliment to the soldiers of the confederacy.

Jackson, Miss .- Sought at one time by the federal authorities under \$10,000 reward for his capture, dead or alive, for alleged conspiracy in the murder of a president of the United States, and now appointed as a mem ber of the legisaltive body of that country, is the strange experience of James Gordon of Okolona, who has been named by Governor Noel as successor to the late A. J.

McLaurin. Colonel Gordon was one of the several confederate leaders suspected of being in cons, lracy with J. Wilkes Booth to kill President Abraham Lincoln. He escaped arrest and probable death only through the intervention, it is stated, of a yankee colonel with he had crossed swords in a fight in Virginia.

During the earlier years of the war Colonel Gordon had formed an inti-mate friendship with Booth, and after the assassination of President Lincoin the reward of \$10,000 was of fered for his capture. Colonel Gorion went to Canada, and it was sev eral months after the close of hostilties before he found it safe to return

During one of the campaigns in Virginia, Colonel Gordon had crossed swords with the colonel of a New York cavalry regiment. Both were wounded in the conflict, but they af-

terward became fast friends. Colonel Gordon wrote a letter to this New Yorker, denying that he had any part in the Lincoln conspiracy, and stating that he desired to return home. The former toe took the matter up with General Dicks, then in command of the army forces in New York, and the latter sent him a passport, and an invitation to come to New York and surrender, which Not a cent was found to he did. He afterward satisfied General Dicks that he knew nothing of the Lincoln conspiracy

He took the oath of allegiance and returned to his home in Chickasa county, where he has since resided.

## FLORIDA ORANGES NOT DAMAGED

Groves Too Far South to Be Hurt by Recent Frost.

Jacksonville, Fla.-The temperature has risen generally all over the state from 10 to 30 degrees and no further menace to the orange crop is apprehended. A fair estimate of damage done places it far below what was feared might result from a possible long continuance of low temperatures.

More than haif, probably 75 per cent, of Florida's orange and grapelast year, following the panic of 1907.
The principal benefactors in 1909 and west line running through Tamand west line running through Tampa, and of this 80 to 90 per cent had been marketed. What remained on the trees was not damaged by the Of the total amount given in 1909, lowest temperature recorded in this section, 28 degrees above zero. What third was given specifically early vegetables had bene planted The total benefactions in the United States reported in the public press in the last seventeen years add up to less than one billion one hundred the Tampa section will amount to Georgia Growers Not Disturbed Over

almost nothing. Owing to the fact that following the freeze of 1895 the renewal of or Red Cross Has Money for .Sufferers ange groves was largely in south Florida, the amount of damage done

#### Manhattan Bridge Opens.

New York City .- Manhattan reached out another traffic-embracing arm to Brooklyn with the opening of the This gigantic Manhattan bridge: aggregate \$506,000. Out of this sum twin sister, the original product 185 widows and 453 children are to bridge, was designed to relieve the pressure on the old structure. span, of the suspension type, like its twin sister, the original Brooklyn

#### Spencer Trask Killed in Wreck.

New York City. - Spencer Trask, Lamphere, for many years acted as fiscal agents thirty-eight years old, slayer of Mrs. of the late Queen Victoria, was Belle Gunness and her children, died crushed to death when his private

## 3 Killed, 45 Injured in Wreck.

Island passenger train No. 3, the Cal

## New Pacific Fleet.

Sixty Men Tossed Into the River at Washington, D. C .- On account of the growing importance of American St. Louis.

St. Louis. Mo. — Three hundred feel of the false structure of the Mc Kinley bridge, now under construction across the Mississippi river. were knocked out by an ice jam. Six. Pacific fleet into two separate fleets, ty men were thrown into the river, to be known as the Asiatic fleet and and some of them may have been the Pacific fleet. The commander of the new Asiatic fleet will be Rear

#### Peary's Ears Frostbitten.

Washington, D. C .- Robert 1 Peary had his ears frostbitten When his automobile stranded in the created at the treasury department dressed in thin evening clothing and by the receipt of a letter from a low shoes, was compelled to jump French lawyer, at Pau, France, inclose out in the snow and face a biting ing a \$500 Confederate bond and a wind while he walked about a mile

That Many Fighting Men Are Available in United States.

# TWO INSPECTIONS ANNUALLY

State Troops Will Be Examined for Field Duty and on the Condition of Armament and Equipment.

Washington, D. C. - Satisfactory conformity by January 21 with the Dick militia law, so as to enable ali the states and territories to share in the amounts appropriated by congress for the maintenance of the organized to the secretary of war. This law requires that the organization of the militia by that date must be the same as that of the regular army, if it is to patricipate in the federal Only the states of Pennsyl vania and Delaware were reported as not conforming, with the excep-tion of the bands, and in those states he believes conditions will conform by January 21.

The strength of the organized militie of the several states and territories last spring was fixed at 118,926 officers and enlisted men. An estimate is made that there are in the United States 14,974,448 males avail-

able for military duty.

It is announced that hereafter two militia inspections will be conducted That in the spring will be made to determine the sufficiency and the condition of armament and equipment of the troops; the other, during the period of encampment, to determine their efficiency for field duty.
In commenting on the reported

hardships experienced by the militia-men last summer in the maneuvers Massachusetts, Colonel Weaver says that "a careful examination of the conditions does not reveal that there was anything particularly different from the hardship resulting from the exigencies of the situation.

#### GOVERNMENT DEAD LETTER SALE. Demand Was Stimulated by Lottery

Luck. Washington, D. C .- Lottery luck

has so stimulated the demand for people's property lost or strayed in the mails, that the postoffice department, in its recent annual sale of the dead letter office, averaged cents more for each parcel than the year before.

A report shows the recent sale brought aggregate receipts of \$10,373, averaging \$1.35 for each of the ,789 derelect parcels.

The speculative demand for the packages, whose contents were only sparingly made known, and their valleit an unknown factor, was reflected in the overcrowding and the calling of police to queil a possible riot and avert personal injury to the bidders. Many of the parcels sold in the government-conducted game chance were prizes; others were virtually worthless.

#### GOOD NEWS FOR SHIPP.

Supreme Court Allows Tennesseeans Time for Good Behavior.

Washington, D. C .- Although a little late, the supreme court of the United States made a Christmas present to the Tennesseeans who age confined in the jail of the District of Columbia on a charge of contempt of that court. The court allowed them the five days a month commu-

The first men to be liberated are Jeremiah Gibson, the deputy sherin; ilenry Padgett and Richard Mayse. Sheriff Shipp, Luther Williams and Nick Nolan are the 90-day men.

#### PEACHES NOT HURT.

Recent Cold Spell.

Marshallville, Ga.-Peach growers ire not in the least disturbed over the results of the recent cold weathand, in fact, many of them declare that the low temperatures will

Reports received from adjacent points tell of some of the lowest tem-peratures ever known here, but at this season of the year there is dan-ger of the trees being killed, and the reezing of the earth will tend to kill that the Dukes have in contemplation various destructive insects. best crops ever known next year.

## COLLEGES VOTE FOR FOOTBALL.

dangerous plays.

#### WONDERFUL SUBMARINE FEAT.

The boat was practicing a diving in be plainly seen for several nights. the open sea, when the commander rface, lifting the boat and nordina above water long enough to take Genoa. Sh days later. off the crew.

#### GOVERNOR FREAR FINED.

San Francisco, Cal.-When Governwith a problem.

ican ports on a foreign ship.

# 68,000 PEOPLE WANTED.

Help Take Census. Washington, D. C .- Any person of good judgment, who has received an good judgment, who has received an ordinary common school education, can readily pass the test to be given applicants for census enumerators' places on Saturday, February 5, the date finally set by United States Census Director Durand, acording to an announcement from the census bureau. This will be comforting assur-

ance to the several hundred thousand

persons who are believed to be conemplating application for the places It was emphatically stated at the bureau that the test will be an eminently reasonable and practical one, similar to that applied to applicants at the twelfth census. It will consist of filling out a sample schedule of population from a description, in nar militia, is predicted by Lieutenant Colonel Weaver, chief of the division of militia affairs, in his annual report to the secretary of war. This law they will be called on to fill out an work will be in the rural districts, they will be called on to fill out an additional sample schedule of agricul-

ture from information furnished by the census bureau. All persons, whether women or men, who may desire to become census enumerators must be citizens of the United States, residents supervisor's district for which they wish to be appointed; must be not less than 18 nor more than 70 years of age; must be physically able to do the work; must be trustworthy; honest and of good habits; must have at least an ordinary education and must be able to write plainly and with

reasonable repidity.

Those who can comply with these requirements are invited to put in their applications, as there will be at least 68,000 enumerators' places to be filled by the middle of March in preparation for the enumeration beginning April 15.

Application forms, with full instrucions as to filling in and complete in-Formation concerning the test and the method of appointment can be secur ed by writing to the supervisor of census for the supervisor's district in which the applicant lives. All appli-cations proprely filled in must be filed with the supervisors not later than January 25, as any received after that date cannot be considered.

#### "DIXIE" FIRST AMERICAN SONG.

'Yankee Doodle' is Second in the Popularity Contest.

Washington, D. C .- "Dixie" has finally been officially proclaimed as first in American songs and music in "patriotic popularity." Such is the verdict of O. G. T. Sonneck, chief of the division of music of the library of congress, who has just issued from the government press an exhaustive report on four famous American mus ical compositions.

"Yankee Doodle," he says, though no longer a national song, is still a national air, and second only to "Dixie" in the popularity contest.

The origin and evolution of "Yan cee Doodle," "Star Spangled Banner, "Hail Columbia," and "America" are treated in full detail in Mr. Sonneck's volume, and fac similes of the original manuscripts are given.

The history of "Yankee Doodle" is described as "a perfect maze of con-flicting stories" and countless additions to and variations from the original nal. As many as fourteen variations of the "Star Spangled Banner" are noted, accompanied by a gradual pro ess of polishing 'and modification Washington, D. C .- "Is 'Dixie' more popular than 'Yankee Doodle?'

This question, apparently, has divided the country into two camps. The innocent aggertion of Otto G Sonneck, chief of the division of music of the library of congress, in them the five days a month commutation granted for good behavior under the code of the District. This will reduce the terms of the two-month prisoners by ten days and will insure their freedom by January 4th. insure their freedom by January 4th. threats of death to Mr. Sonneck. His office in the congressional library has ceive a reduction of 15 days, being been swamped with letters from vari-freed the first of February. with dire punishment, and Mr. Sonneck has requested the suppression of further mention in the newspapers of his work on American national

#### songs. Another Effort to Find Missing Girl.

Louisville, Ky .- The Kellner family, in a last effort to gain some tidings of their daughter, Aina, who mysterious disappeared from three weeks ago, have sent letters really result in good for next year's to every grand lodge of Masons in the United States and Canada, questing that they exert every effort to locate the missing child.

#### Newsy Paragraphs.

It is reported in Charlotte, N. prospects are for one of the rops ever known next year. the building shortly of some twenty or more big cotton mills along the banks of the Catawba river.

William E. Annis, the publisher Colleges Want to Retain the Amer-Colleges Want to Retain the American Game.

New York City.—Fifty colleges out of approximately eighty-eight in the Intercollegiate Athletic association have voted for the retention of the American football game, with the elimination of mass plays and other dangerous plays.

Hains, Jr., at the Bayside Yacht club, in August, 1908, left an estate valued at only \$300 according to the report just placed on file in New York City. The chief item in the assets is \$150, the proceeds of the carboat in which Annis was standing when shot down by the army officer.

Five institutions voted that the The National Power Boat associa present game is satisfactory, except tion has offered a \$500 gold trophy in minor details; seventeen favored to the first motor moat making the the English game of Rugby; seven hazardous trip through the whiripool took a midway position between the rapids below Niagara Falls, and American game and Rugby, and nine power boat enthusiasts have added voted that either the American game a cash prize of \$1,000. The trip has should be radically changed or Rug- been made but once, and then by a large steamer, the Maid of the Mist

For the first time since Halley's comet reached this section of the heavens on its present visit, it is Boat Dived Under Sinking Vessel and visible to the naked eye in New York.

Brought it Up.

Brozessor Eastmas of Columbia uni-Brought it Up.
Toulon, France. — The submarine Cigogne performed a remarkable life without use of a telescope. For two saving feat during a recent storm, weeks it will be visible and it will

The Norwegian freight saw a large fishing boat sink. The Capua, with her crew of twenty-three, submarine dived right under the fish has been given up for lost. The ves ing craft. The Cigogne rose to the sel belonged to the Sioman line and surface, lifting the boat and holding sailed from Hamburg December 1 for She was last sighted two

Mrs. Emma Bailey died in New

London, Conn., five months ago, leav-Governor of Hawaii Traveled on Japing a comfortable home to her daughter, Miss Alice Balley, but she left little else. Miss Bailey took a no San Francisco, Cai.—When Governor Frear of Hawaii, who has been in Washington on government business, turns in his expense account, he will confront the United States and the was master of whaling ships confront the United States auditor many years ago, and at the bottom of the chest she found three bank He sailed for Honolulu on a Japan- books which showed that \$3,514 had ese liner, and under the coastwise navigation act, was forced to pay a tion was made, and it was found that federal line of \$400 imposed on pas sengers traveling between two American ports on a foreign ship. worth considerably over \$10,000.

# **FABULOUS FARM VALUES**

\$30,000,000 Invested in Agriculture in United States.

## 7,000,000 FARMS IN COUNTRY

Value of Farms in the South Have In creased 58 Per Cent Within the Last Ten Years.

Chicago, III.—The United States has \$30,000,000,000 invested in farm lands, farm buildings, machinery and live stock, according to a census, the results of which have just been made From 1,000,000 in 1850, number of farms has increased nearly 7,000,000 in 1909, and the re port adds. "No such increase in agricultural

iand values was ever known before in the history of the world in any country. The value of farms in the United States has increased 44 per cent more than in 1900, the figures of that year showing an increase of 25 per cent over the previous dec The most remarkable figures pre

sented show that the western section which includes New Melco, Colorado Wyoming, Moutana and other states, has, within the last 10 years, shown an increase in the number of farms of 100 per cent. At the same time the value has increased 98 per cent and the products 211 per cent. Values of farms in the south cen

tral states have increased 58 per cent and in the north central states 43 per cent. In the north Atlantic states there has been an increase in value of 13 per cent and in the south At lantic states an increase of 34 per

#### WU TING FANG DEPARTS.

Says "You Americans Worship Al mighty Dollar Too Much."

New York City.—"I'll be back here
in 1959, 50 years from now, just as
sure as I sit in this chair," declared Wu Ting Fang, retiring Chinese minister to the United States, as he bade goodbye to his friends on sail-

ing for Europe.

Dr. Wu smiled broadly as he made this assertion, but he declared that he was not joking.

He expressed his grief, however, at the improbability of meeting his present day auditors on the auspicious day of his return, a half century hence. "I hope I'll find you all here, but fear I won't," he declared. "The trou-ble will be with you, not with me. And your trouble—the trouble of

Americans-is too hasty eating and too little attention to the proper mode of living in many other things. One of the party asked the diplomat how old he is now. It is the privilege of a lady in this

big land of yours not to tell her age she wishes not to," replied Dr. Wu, smilingly hiding his face with "May I not be presumptuous enough to extend that privilege to What my age is now will in no way prevent my returning here in 50 years. Change your mode of liv ing, and you will be as optimistic on the problems of longevity as I am.

"You Americans worship the almighty dollar too much," the diplomat concluded with his customary frankname, or per day, depending on his territory, and earns on the average "I, by no means despise it, but one should not permit a desire money to cause him to forget all the rules of health."

# NOTHING FOUND ON TREASURE ISLAND

Mystery Surrounding California Is-land Has Been Dissipated. Nogales, Ariz.-The mystery and giamor surrounding Tiburon island. Gulf-of California, has been dissipated effectually through the return of the seven Americans who explored the island, which they supposed to be inhabited by man-eating Indians, and to contain hidden treasures and rich mineral deposits. The party was headed by Professor Jayette A. Joss. theless told some of his callers that

At Guaymas the explorers bought a he means to stand firm in his deter-boat, provisioned it for a three mination to urge upon congress the months' stay and proceeded up the gulf, landing at Keno bay, on the mainland. Here they were visited by twenty Seri men and women, who proved friendly and who informed them that there was nothing of value cept for a flood of telegrams and perthem that there was nothing of value on the island. However, they crossed the island, established a permanent camp, and for five weeks prosecuted their explorations, finding no indication of anything of value, or of

great interest.

The island is twenty miles wide and thirty-five miles long and is of volcanic origin. Good grass abounds and there is some running water. contains no human beings, but hundreds of deer and myraids of wiid pigeons. Inscriptions were found, proving the visit there in 1905 of a escue party in search of traces the Grindell exploring expedition, lost they will start in early on a camthe year before.

#### TAFT WILL FIGHT FUTURE GAMBLING.

President Wants to Prevent Future Gambling in All Products. Washington, D. C.—Gambling in fu

tures is to form the subject of a con-ference to be held at the white house. President Taft proposes to arrrive at a method, if possible, of preventing any unnecessary amount of stock market trading in future deliveries of wheat, corn, cotton and other prod-

The federal authorities have made inquiries as to gambling in futures as general proposition, with the result that a decision has been reached that the government should deal with this question so far as it lies within its

# PRICE OF HOGS ADVANCING.

Porkers Bring High Prices on St. Louis Market. Kansas City, Mo.—Hogs brought \$8.60 on the Kansas City market,

the highest mark since 1882. Packers said the high price marked another step in the constantly increasing value of hogs. St. Louis, Mo. - Two carloads of hogs sold on the local market at \$8.75 per hundred pounds. This is the high-

est price paid on the local market

#### 188 PELLAURA CASES IN ONE YEAR.

91 Mississippians Died From the Effects of Disease During 1909. Jackson, Miss.-Statistics of the state board of heatlh show that 183 cases of pellagra were under treatment in Mississippi during the year ust closing. Twenty-one cases were

reated at the charity hospital at

Vicksburg. Ninety-one deaths occur The heaviest mortality is reported The heaviest mortality is reported from Lauderdale county, where, out of forty-three cases, twenty-six deaths able for the puropse.

#### LATE NEWS NOTES.

cent tax on the receipts of the association. In 1907 the most prosperous year of the turf here, more than \$250,000 was paid over to the state under this tax law.

The trustees of the Carnegle insti-

tute have decided to withdraw the \$10,000 annual support of the organization from Luther Burbank, the plant wizard of Santa Rosa. Word

to this effect comes from Washing-

ton, where the trustees of the Carne-gle institute recently convened. The commercialism which, it is alleged,

has been a feature of the experiments

of Luther Burbank, is given as the

will publish a second report, giving further details of its work. If the

committee should decide to do so, it will issue the report about the

middle of January. A member of the committee said that some of the de-

tails of Cook's narrative of his ex-pedition were fabricated and his pa-

pers showed that he had used calculations furnished by Captain Loose.

The second report, he argued, would present evidence to that effect.

A child born recently to the wife

of A. A. Dunn of Baton Rouge, La., forty-nine years old, makes his thirtieth child. Of the thirty children

there are seven sets of twins. Three wives are mothers of the children. By his first marriage twelve children

were born, among whom were three

sets of twins. By his second mar-

riage ten children were born, among

whom were four pairs of twins. By his third wife eight children were

born. All the children are now alive.

Possibilities almost unbelievable in

wireless telegraph are developing

daily in New Orleans. John Munford, operator for the United States Wire-

less company, says no development

in wireless now surprises him. From

New Orleans to Chicago is a long distance and this has been about

the limit that the New Orleans sta-

tion has been able to go, but Mum-

ford, while sitting in his office heard a call and jumped to the machine.

He thought at first it was Mobile call-

ing, but much to his surprise, it was

New York communicating with Chi-

stations, and proves that messages

can soon be flashed through the air

Washington.

ularly in cities, there is a shortage

of men willing to earn government

money as census enumerators. The

enumerator receives so much per

\$60 for his entire work. In cities of

over five thousand inhabitants the

enumerator must finish his work in

two weeks, but elsewhere one month

is allowed. Time for applications for

these jobs expires January 25 next.

ed a special message he will send

to congress when that body reconvenes recommending legislation he

desires on interstate commerce Taw

has frequently been decided in the press that Mr. Taft has any idea of

recommending changes in the Sher-

man anti-trust act. He has never-

enactment of a national incorporation

Admiral George Dewey celcbrated

the seventy-second anniversary of his

sonal messages of congratulations, nothing disturbed the serenity of the

Dewey household. The admiral has not been in especially good health for

some time, and, therefore, all of his engagements were waived.

chairman of the democratic congres-

sional campaign committee, when he returns next week, will call a meeting

of the executive committee to discuss

democrats are confident of electing

a majority to the next house and say

that to make assurance doubly sure

Unless the state department is

able to show that it has received as-surances from the Mexican govern-

ment that James A. Cook, the Amer-

ican conductor now in prison there,

probable that the whole question of

he treatment accorded American cit-

izens in Mexico will be aired on the floor of the house. It is possi-

ble that a resolution of inquiry will

Harvey Wiley, chief chemist of the

department of agriculture, is reported

to be seriously considering the ad-

visability of resigning his office. He

is said to be much piqued because President Taft overruled his decision

upon the question, "What is Whis-

The report of the retirement of Speaker Cannon has again been re-

vived, with more or less elaborate detail. The latest is that "Uncle

Joe" will not retire from congress, but at the close of the session he

will announce that he is serving his

a record for continuous service in

last term as speaker, having made

that office. With such an announce

the issue of Cannonism in the

ment, he will, it is declared, destroy

gressional elections net fall and at the same time leave the field open

to aspirants wihtout creating petty

Further legislation by congress will

be necessary before the \$5,000 appro-

priated by that body, in 1904, for pro-

curing a site and plans for the pro-

posed monument to Thomas Jeffer

the memorials, but his death inter-

vened before the work had been fin-

ished. There is a law requiring un-

epended balances yearly to be turn-

will be given a speedy trial,

plans for the next campaign.

paign of education.

be introduced.

Representative Lloyd of Missouri

and the Sherman anti-trust act.

President Taft has almost complet-

In the south and west, and partic-

to New York from New Orleans.

This is a record for the land

The eldest is 25 years of age.

cause.

Abraham Lincoln's old law office was burned at Danville, Ill. The building, which he used when riding circuit as an attorney, was used as a museum in late years. Some of the relics were civil war shells which exploded in the fire.

Columbia, S. C .- "Richland county leads all other counties in the state, reported so far," said Commissioner Watson, "in the matter of good roads constructed. Reports have been received by the commissioner from twenty-four of the county supervis-Embodied in the forthcoming report of the New York state racing commis-sion will be a statement taken from the books of the various racing as-sociations to the effect that the state ors. These reports contain data as to road construction, cost of maintenance, miles constructed during the past year, kinds of material used and has lost more than \$200,000 by the operations of the anti-race track gambling laws. Before the passage of these laws the state collected a 5 per

other detailed information.

According to the reports sent in by the supervisors of twenty-four counties there are now completed 2, 285.5 miles of sand-clay roads, against 1,575 miles for all of the counties in 1904. This is an increase of 710.5 miles of sand-clay roads.

There was in South Carolina in 1904, sixty-nine miles of macadam roadway. The twenty-four counties alone this year report fifty-two miles counties there being three miles constructed during the past twelve months.

The number of miles of gravel roads in South Carolina in 1904 was

Twenty-four counties report as having sixty-five miles of this kind of roadway at the present time.

In the twenty-four counties there are 2,433.50 miles of improved road-The special committee of Copenia-gen university, which investigated Dr. Frederick A. Cook's polar records, is now considering whether or not it

ways. There were constructed in 1909, 584.5 miles of improved highways of all classes. The cost of maintenance according to the report of the supervisors was from \$2 to \$150 per mile. The aver-age being from \$20 to \$35 per mile. No reports have been received from

from such good road counties as Hampton, Charleston, Mariboro, Lexington and Pickens. The expense of building these roads varies widely according to the re-ports, particularly in the matter of

maintaining convicts, the cost being per man from 20 to 75 cents per day. Richland county leads all other countles in the matter of construction The sand-clay road seems to be supplanting all other methods of construction.

Greenville, S. C .- At a meeting of the executive committee of the Cot-ton Manufacturery association here an appropriation of \$1,000 was voted to aid the United States farm department work in this state. This is the first substantial contribution made in this state to aid the work. No state aid has ever been given the farm demonstration workers the revenues in the past coming from the national government The money was given with a view

of specially conducting the work of breeding cotton for the purpose of producing such a staple in this state as the mills may use, so that the cotton will not have to be secured from other states of the south. Florence, S. C .- At the regular monthly meeting of the board of directors of the Atlantic Coast Line, in New York, a resolution was passed

tem to have surveyed at the earliest practical date a line for a railroad from Hartsville, in Darlington county, to McBee, S. C., thence to Monroe and to Charlotte, N. C. He was also authorized to have an-

authorizing the president of that sys-

other surveyed from Wadesboro to This item of news is authentic, havbeen secured direct from the official family of the Coast Line. It seems as if the idea is to reach Charlotte, N. C., and the building of a line from Hartsville via McBee

Monroe would make a direct line The line from Wadesboro to Monroe would then touch at Monroe and the Coast Line could then get into Charlotte with coal direct from the coal fields via the Norfolk and Westthe Southbound and the Coast

The route is to the north of Black creek, thirteen miles in direct line to McBee. where connection is made with the Seaboard and also with the Jefferson railroad, which extends some twenty miles towards Monroe and Charlotte. It is a matter of time only, in any event, till this rich agri-cultural portion of the Pee-Dee is opened up by rail to Charlotte and vi-cinity, and the railroad company which gets in first will be amply re-

#### paid in freight.

STATE CAPITAL NOTES. .That South Carolina is being made the dumping ground of the nation for impure and spoiled food-stuffs for both man and beast will be stated in the annual report of Commissioner Watson, in which he will ask for rigid inspection covering all products. "The people are being robbed," says the commissioner, "by reason of weight packages, and by the sale of inferior qualities of illuminating oils, all because of the lack of any kind or inspection of these products.'

.. Great progress has been made in South Carolina during the past year in education. The state is building school houses at the rate of about one hundred each year, there being one hundred and twenty-four con structed during the past year. Although the educational system is a strong one, there are some changes needed for the betterment and these will be recommended in th annual report of the state superintendents of education, Mr. Swearingen.

... It is understood that superinters dent Griffith's annual report to the legislature will show that there has been a profit of about \$80,000 from the penitentiary farm. It is suggest-ed that some of this money be used. to build brick stockades for the De Saussure and Reid farms, which are in Sumter and Kershaw counties. The farms produced this year about nine hundred bales of cotton; other crops include twenty-three thousand bushels of corn and twenty thousand bushels of oats.

....All constitutional requirements are met in the opinion of Assistant Attorney General DeBruhl in the petition submitted to Governor Ansel by the people in that section of Oconee county, who desire to be annexed to Anderson county.

... There has been much improve-

ment in the live stock industry in South Carolina during the past year. At the meeting of the association to be held in Fobruary it wil shown that many cattle farms have been be held in Fobruary it will started during the year in various parts of the state and are prospering. ... A letter has been received by Governor Ansel from M. T. Bretz of Newport, Penn., in which it is stated that he has a knapsack, which was left in an ambulance after the battle of Fredericksburg, and that he wish es to return it to the owner. The

son will be available. In 1906 Augustus St. Gaudens, then in poor health, consented to make designs for name on the cover was B. B. Brooks, Lockport, Ga. ....in his annual report Commission-er Watson will advocate the passage of an act requiring cotton statistics to be furnished his office just as now ed into the treasury. The comptroller of the treasury, in response to an done in the case of tobacco. The reports would be required of cotton ginuers and buyers. In the case of the ginners the number of pounds and

bales ginned would be sent in

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